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Miami Corn Husk Doll workshop set for Saturday at Salamonie Lake

Spend the afternoon with Miami artist and tradition bearer Catherine Nagy Mowry and make a corn husk doll in the Myaamia way from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 at Salamonie Lake, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Children are welcome, but those under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. All materials will be provided by the artist. In compliance with Back on Track Indiana, face coverings and CDC social distancing guidelines will be practiced. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle will apply. The class size is limited. Advance registration required, call 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov.

'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

For the final time this year, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a

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Local small businesses may soon apply for \$200K grants

\$160K OCRA grant to be combined with \$40K county commissioners contribution

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) announced that an additional 42 rural Hoosier communities, including Wabash County, will receive more than \$10.09 million in feder-

al grant funding through the COVID-19 Response Program, according to Melissa Thomas, OCRA communications manager.

As a result, on the same day, Grow Wabash County announced a new grant opportunity available for small, for-profit businesses in Wabash County, according to Chelsea Boulrisse, project

manager for marketing and events.

Applications available starting Sept. 14

Grow Wabash County will grant out nearly \$200,000 in business grants made possible by \$160,000 of grant funding awarded from the OCRA COVID-19 Phase II Response Program, coupled with \$40,000 committed to the grant program by the Wabash County Commis-

sioners. "The primary goal for these grants will be to help high-risk businesses with long-term recovery efforts after COVID-19 and the resulting restrictions that led to shutdowns and layoffs in many of our workplaces. These funds will focus on helping businesses retain low- to middle-income (LMI) jobs. Grants will be awarded out in the amounts of \$2,000

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In memoriam



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From left to right: daughter Tara Haupert, son Ryan Haupert, wife Roxanne Haupert, Dan Haupert and daughter Lisa (Haupert) Sarll.

Three new Community Foundation scholarships created to honor family members

STAFF REPORT

The Community Foundation of Wabash County has announced three new scholarships for local seniors, according to Melissa Ford, development associate.

The three traditional scholarships were created to honor and memorialize family members who died and to continue the legacies of these individuals.

The three scholarships that were created include the Jonathan Snyder Memorial Scholarship, Dan Haupert Memorial Scholarship and the Farlow Family Scholarship.

"With the creation of a scholarship, friends and family of these individuals can continue to remember and honor them through donations to the fund," said Ford. "Oftentimes, donors choose to make a contribution to the individual's birthday in their memory. We are humbled by the families who established these scholarships, and we look forward to the opportunities these scholarships will create for many students in Wabash County."

For more information, visit cfwabash.org.

Jonathan Snyder Memorial Scholarship

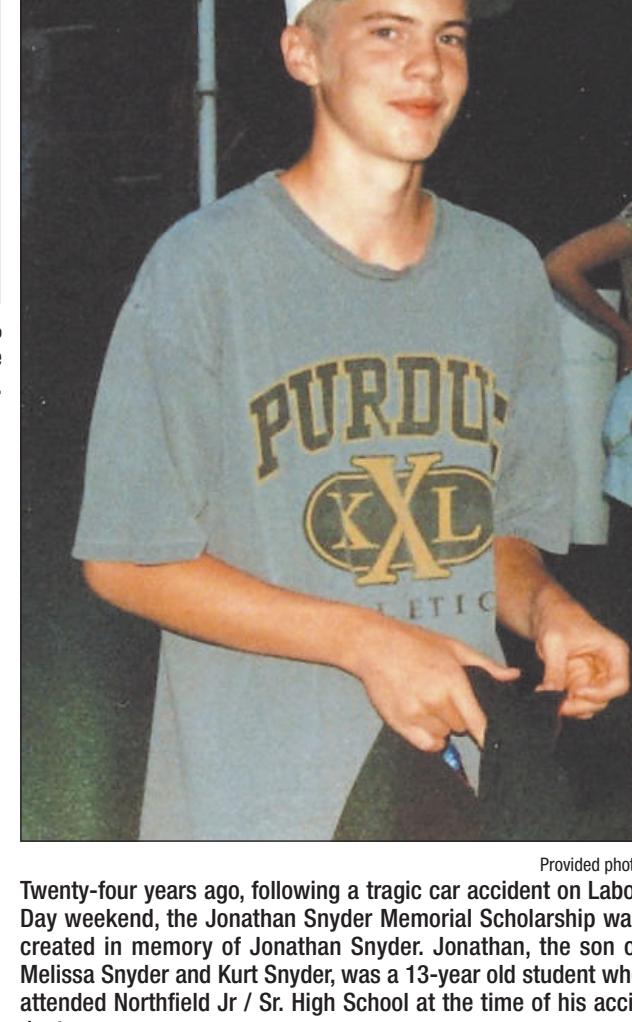
Twenty-four years ago, following a tragic car accident on Labor Day weekend, the Jonathan Snyder Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of Jonathan Snyder.

Jonathan, the son of Melissa Snyder and Kurt Snyder, was a 13-year old student who attended Northfield Jr/Sr. High School at the time of his accident.

In speaking about her son, Melissa said, "Jonathan loved life and took advantage of the great opportunities life can bring. He played football, was in the school band, and he especially loved God, his family, and his friends.

Jonathan was kind and caring to everyone, and he always took time for anyone who needed a listening ear. He tried to encourage those who were down or discouraged, and he is often remembered by those who knew him for his integrity and his kindness."

Following Jonathan's accident, Jonathan's parents wanted a way to continue the joy and encouragement their son had brought to others. So, in 1996, with the Jonathan Snyder Trust Fund, Melissa established a



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Twenty-four years ago, following a tragic car accident on Labor Day weekend, the Jonathan Snyder Memorial Scholarship was created in memory of Jonathan Snyder. Jonathan, the son of Melissa Snyder and Kurt Snyder, was a 13-year old student who attended Northfield Jr / Sr. High School at the time of his accident.

scholarship in his name to be awarded annually to a Northfield High School senior with an interest in pursuing a helping profession, including but not limited to medicine, teaching, missions, and counseling.

Earlier this year, Melissa wanted to simplify the administrative process of awarding the scholarship, so she transferred the remainder of the Jonathan Snyder Trust Fund to the Community Foundation. Now, Melissa can continue to be involved in the selection of the scholarship recipient without handling the administrative procedures.

For years to come, the Jonathan Snyder Memorial Scholarship will continue to be awarded to students who share Jonathan's loving heart, joy for life and kindness to others.

Dan Haupert Memorial Scholarship

Roxanne Haupert and her family have long been invested in agriculture and the community. After Roxanne's husband, Dan, passed away in a devastating grain silo accident in January, the Haupert family wanted a way to remember and continue Dan's legacy and passions.

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NMPL receives nearly \$1K grant to fight racial injustice

Indiana Humanities, Lilly Endowment funds distributed to 150 libraries

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Libraries, schools, universities, nonprofit organizations and libraries across Indiana, including the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL), are receiving grants to purchase highly sought-after books, digital materials and films addressing racial injustice in America to add to circulating collections in their communities, according to Kristen Fuhs Wells, vice president of Indiana Humanities.

"In the wake of the murder of George Floyd and ensuing protests, many libraries were overwhelmed by requests for materials, and library patrons faced long wait times for the most popular books and other resources related to racial equity," said Fuhs Wells.

Indiana Humanities' Advancing Racial Equity Collection Development Grants – ranging from \$290 to \$1,000 – will go to 150 nonprofit organizations in 60 Indiana counties to enable them to meet the increased demand for materials to circulate in their communities.

The NMPL received \$992. "The NMPL is very grateful to receive this grant award from Indiana Humanities, and to Lilly Endowment for providing the

supporting funds to Indiana Humanities. NMPL is seeing an increased demand for books and other materials in the topic areas of racism and racial injustice. This funding will enable the library to address the growing demand for materials on these topics as patrons dig in to educate themselves on these issues," said Diane Randall, NMPL director.

"The library will now have the ability to offer a broader scope of books and films to promote greater racial equity awareness and community dialogue. The library believes these books will help provide our community with 'windows' into other community member's experiences, as well as provide library users with more 'mirrors' of their own experiences and culture.

NMPL also hopes these additions to the collection will foster a welcoming environment for international students and professors."

Schools, community organizations and libraries across Indiana were invited to apply to Indiana Humanities for funds to add digital or physical resources addressing systemic racism, inequitable policing and/or protest through a humanities lens. Indiana Humanities worked with the Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL) Collection Management Team to develop the list of eligible resources. Also consulted were the Central Indiana Community Foundation's

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City council passes first reading of budget

\$18,955,825 budget, \$7,359,430 tax levy, 2.4807 percent tax levy approved

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

During Monday's Wabash City Council meeting, the proposed budget was approved on the first reading.

Before that, on Wednesday, Aug. 12, the Wabash City Council met to discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year with the various department heads.

During that meeting, Mayor Scott Long said anticipated revenue shortfalls due to the COVID-19-related shutdowns weighed heavily on everyone's minds. Long asked that various department heads make any available cuts in their budgets.

On Tuesday, Wendy Frazier, the city's clerk-treasurer, said the only changes made to the proposed budget the only changes were the ones discussed in that budget meeting.

Frazier said the tax rate and levy were passed as a separate ordinance Monday. In that ordinance, the council approved:

■ \$350,000 for the rainy day fund, with no adopted tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$9,441,751 for the general fund, with a \$5,029,185

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Braun visits Ford Meter Box, talks issues

Senator makes a trip through the area Thursday during recess

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Thursday morning, Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, visited Wabash along

with several other locations in the area during the Senate's current recess.

"I was very, very impressed

with what all they do there. There's more to a meter box and the fittings that accompany it than what I thought.

I had no idea that it was that comprehensive in terms of what they do and how many people they employ and all of that," said Braun, during a phone interview shortly after his visit.

Braun said he has been visiting businesses and school districts over the state the last five weeks.

"I try to visit all 92 counties and will do that each year I'm a senator. And what I see out there in terms of places like Ford Meter is really neat, a neat part of the job," said Braun.

Braun said he had also visited the Grissom Air Museum that morning and was on his way to meet with law enforcement in Kokomo.

"I generally start early

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Russel and Reba Farlow were married 67 years before their deaths in 2018.

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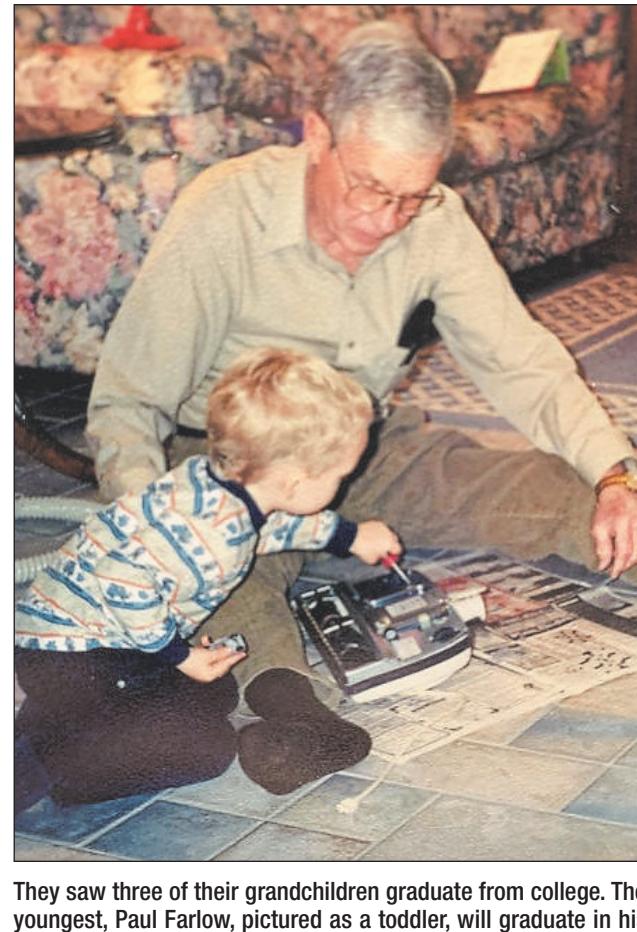
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A 1971 graduate of Northfield High School, Dan Haupert invested his life in agriculture and his family. He enjoyed being involved in the community and was a past member of both the Urbana Lions Club and Pork Producers. Dan was kind-hearted and always willing to help others. "Whenever a neighbor farmer needed help in the fields due to an illness or other reasons, Dan was always there to help out," said Roxanne. Farming gave Dan great pleasure and he was always delighted when one of his children or grandchildren showed an interest in the family farm. He enjoyed showing them the equipment and having them ride along with him. He was so proud last fall when two of his grandchildren were old enough to drive the buggy wagon and were able to keep up with him in the combine."

To honor Dan's work ethic and passion for farming, Roxanne and their children, Ryan, Tara and Lisa wanted to continue Dan's legacy by creating the Dan Haupert Memorial Scholarship for a Northfield High School senior. To assist in selecting the recipients for the scholarship, Roxanne and her children will sit on the Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee to provide their recommendation of the candidate who best fits the scholarship award criteria. Recipients of the scholarship will have been involved with the Future Farmers of America during high school and will have plans to pursue a career in agriculture or a related field.

"We thank Roxanne and her family for their thoughtfulness to continue Dan's values, and we know Dan would be pleased to support students who share his passion for farming," said Ford.

While Russel and Reba were very involved with IHC, they were also community-minded and volunteered with many nonprofits and the



They saw three of their grandchildren graduate from college. The youngest, Paul Farlow, pictured as a toddler, will graduate in his grandfather's footsteps in 2021 with an engineering degree from Purdue University.

Farlow Family Scholarship

Earlier this year, Brad and Tammy Farlow, of Wabash, approached the Community Foundation intending to create a scholarship for MSD seniors pursuing engineering or industry certified training following high school graduation. The scholarship would honor and remember Brad's parents, Russel and Reba, and their hard work, drive, and dedication to their community, family, and lifelong work at the family business, the Indiana Handle Company (IHC) in Paoli.

"Several generations of Farlows devoted their lives to the success of businesses interrelated in the woodworking industry," said Tammy Farlow. "IHC began as part of a network of Farlow family businesses in Paoli, Indiana; at one time these also included a hardware, lumber mill, building contractor services and housing development in addition to the wood manufacturing products of IHC. While not all Farlow family members returned to Paoli to live, Brad recalls his parents, Russel and Reba, expected him and his brother to work a few summers in the factory to appreciate the labor and legacy that were a part of the Farlow family history."

While Russel and Reba were very involved with IHC, they were also community-minded and volunteered with many nonprofits and the

local schools. Russel served as a school board member for Paoli Community Schools and Reba volunteered for the American Red Cross, Quaker Friends Meeting, and a traveling IU Optometry Clinic. When not working, Russel, who was also a pilot, enjoyed hunting and fishing, and Reba spent hours in her garden.

Owing to Russel and Reba's lifelong commitment to their community and their steadfast appreciation of the woodworking industry and manufacturing, Brad and Tammy wanted to provide opportunities to students with similar aspirations. The Farlow Family Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating MSD senior pursuing a degree or industry-recognized certification in manufacturing, trades, maintenance, or engineering. The recipient will embody the values of Russel and Reba and show evidence of a commitment to hard work.

"Russel and Reba are examples of grit, determination, and success that began with just going to work every day," said Tammy Farlow. "Brad and I are pleased that as a result of their lifelong ambitions, their success will support students and their educational needs in both Southern Indiana and in Wabash County, where their children live now."

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levy or tax rate.

■ \$838,300 for the police pension fund, with no adopted tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$50,000 for the local road and street fund, with no adopted tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$1,990,323 for the motor

vehicle highway fund, with a \$1,649,245 adopted tax levy and a .5525 percent adopted tax rate.

■ \$1,593,599 for the emergency ambulance and medical fund, with no adopted tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$605,440 for the park fund, with a \$501,000 adopted tax levy and a .0643 percent adopted tax rate.

■ \$2,995,113 for the sewer fund, with no adopted tax levy or tax rate.

■ \$178,899 for the aviation and airport fund, with a \$180,000 adopted tax levy and a .0643 percent adopted tax rate.

In all, the total was \$18,955,825 for the adopted budget, \$7,359,430 for adopted tax levy and 2.4807 percent for the adopted tax levy.

For the home-ruled funds, which are not reviewed by the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), the council approved:

■ \$801,945 for the public safety fund Local Option Income Taxes (LOIT) adopted budget.

■ \$15,000 for the local law enforcement fund.

Frazier said the second reading and possible adoption of the budget has been scheduled for Sept. 14. Oct. 12 is the deadline to post the notice to taxpayers on Gateway. Oct. 22 is the last possible day for taxing units to hold public hearing. Nov. 2 is the deadline for all taxing units to adopt 2021 budgets, tax rates and tax levies. Nov. 9 is the last day for units to submit 2021 budgets, tax rates and levies on Gateway.

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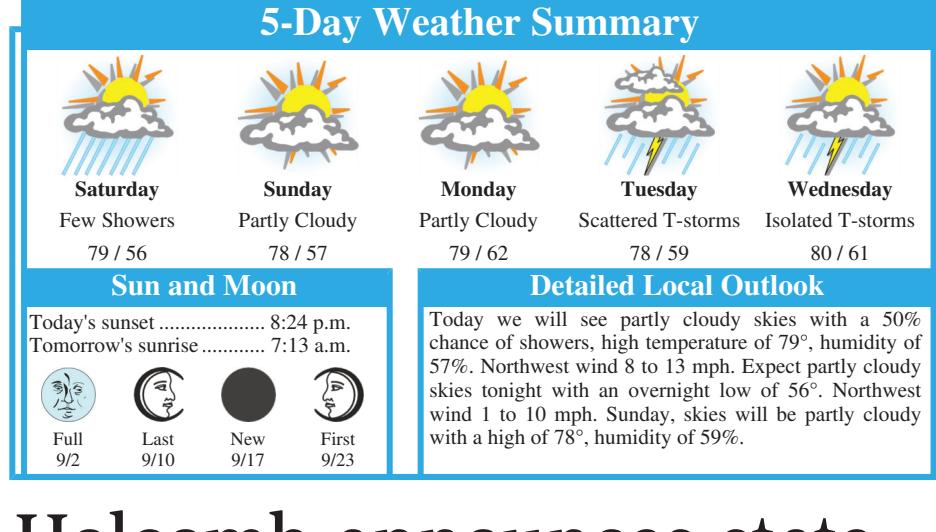
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Holcomb announces state to remain in the current stage of Back on Track plan

ISDH is updating its color-coded county positivity map

STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced that he will extend the state's face covering mandate and continue Stage 4.5 of the Back On Track Indiana plan until Sept. 25, according to Alec Gray, digital communications director.

Local governments may impose more restrictive guidelines.

"Holcomb has used data to drive decisions since the state's first case of the novel coronavirus in early March and he continues to do so," said Gray.

The state continues to monitor and respond to these four guiding principles:

■ The number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients statewide has decreased for 14 days.

■ The state retains its surge capacity for critical care beds and ventilators.

■ The state retains its ability to test all Hoosiers who are COVID-19 symptomatic as well as health care workers, first responders and frontline employees.

■ Health officials have systems in place to contact all individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and expand contact tracing.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is updating its color-coded county positivity map to evaluate each county based on three metrics.

The tracker will score counties as blue, yellow, orange or red, more easily allowing local officials to determine the best course of action.

A current map is available here.

The map will go live on the dashboard next week and be updated weekly.

Scoring does not trigger a state requirement of any

action but provides local information and recommendations based on:

■ Number of new cases in the past week per 100,000 residents.

■ Percent positivity as determined by the number of positive tests divided by the total number of tests administered.

■ The change in percent positivity from the previous week.

The new system is designed to help local and school officials understand and respond to the level of community spread in their county. The map will be available on the ISDH coronavirus dashboard next week.

Holcomb has also signed an executive order extending the public health emergency an additional 30 days.

For more information, visit BackOnTrack.in.gov, <https://www.in.gov/gov/2384.htm>, coronavirus.in.gov or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

GRANTS

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to \$10,000 per qualifying business, based on employee counts and community impact. Grant funding can be used for working capital, continued operations, and/or to support remote work," said Boulrisse.

These grants are available to for-profit, small businesses – 100 employees or fewer – and microenterprises – five employers or fewer, one must be the owner – within Wabash County.

Applicants must not have been previously granted funds from OCRA Phase I grants from the City of Wabash or Town of North Manchester. Collectively, the batch of business applicants must have 51 percent or more LMI employees for the grant funding to be awarded. Therefore, businesses may be eliminated if the majority LMI requirement is not met.

Applications will be available online, or via a paper version upon request, starting Monday, Sept. 14 via the Grow Wabash County website. Businesses must have their applications completed and submitted by Friday Oct. 2. Along with the grant application outlining their need for support, business owners will also need to submit a survey for each employee to provide employee initials, position title, and

annual salary.

Eligible businesses in Wabash County can apply online at www.growwabashcounty.com/phase2 then complete the employee surveys online at [https://www.growwabashcounty.com/LMISurvey](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/LMISurvey).

This inter-jurisdictional collaborative effort consists of partners from Wabash County, the City of Wabash, and the Towns of Roann, LaGrove, LaFontaine and North Manchester. The three Wabash County Main Street organizations – Roann Main Street, Manchester Alive and Wabash Marketplace – and the county-wide chamber and economic organization, Grow Wabash County have also partnered.

Looking ahead, Keith A. Gillenwater, Grow Wabash County president and CEO, said they would continue their efforts if more such funding becomes available.

"If OCRA makes funding available and we still feel there is a need and group of businesses that can qualify that do not get funded in Round 1 or 2, or the North Manchester Round 1 Grant, then we will apply," said Gillenwater.

Questions regarding the application process or an employer's eligibility may be directed to Tenille Zartman at Grow Wabash County by calling 260-563-5258 or by emailing info@growwabashcounty.com.

More details about the OCRA grant

On April 30, Crouch announced 61 COVID-19 Response Phase 1 recipients, who received more than \$10.7 million in funding. To continue addressing the economic impact caused by COVID-19 on rural Hoosier businesses, OCRA launched a second phase of the COVID-19 Response Program.

Eligible applicants for this program could apply for up to \$250,000 and include non-entitlement local units of government. The two eligible economic recovery activities included grants or loans to businesses to retain LMI jobs.

Funding for the COVID-19 Response Phase 2 funding is derived from Indiana's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocation.

The CARES Act was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27. Through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the CARES Act provides for payments to state, local and tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.

For more information, visit www.in.gov/ocra/3010.htm.

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Robert E. Hinkle

May 1, 1948 - Aug 26, 2020

Robert E. Hinkle, 72, of rural Akron, Indiana was found preceded Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020 at his residence.

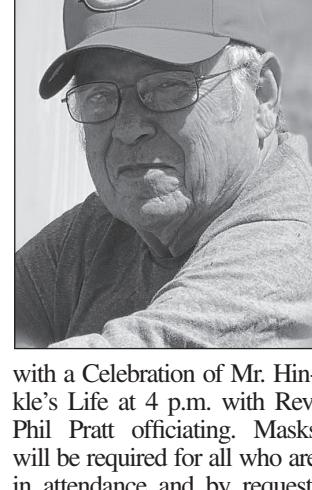
Bob was born on May 1, 1948 in Wabash, Indiana to the late Lois Argyleen (Leedy) Hinkle. He was a graduate of Wabash High School. He then furthered his education with a Bachelor's Degree from Manchester College and a Master Degree from the University of St. Francis.

He began teaching in 1970. He taught the last 4 years of Mentone High School and then moved to the junior high at Akron School. When the middle school was built, he began teaching for Tippecanoe Valley Middle School. He retired from full time teaching in 2014. He then taught part-time for the middle school and high school for 3 years. During that time, he coached numerous sports which included football, softball, and girls and boys basketball.

He was a big sports fan and was an avid Atlanta Braves and Chicago Bears fan. He loved to fish, especially on the river. He was known to drive blue convertible Ford Mustangs and Ford F-150's.

School was his life. His students and fellow teachers meant the world to him. He always had a servant's heart and never wanted any recognition.

Friends may gather from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020 in the Tippecanoe Valley Middle School Gymnasium



Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Tuesday

with a Celebration of Mr. Hinkle's Life at 4 p.m. with Rev. Phil Pratt officiating. Masks will be required for all who are in attendance and by request, please bring your Akron and Valley Hinkle stocking caps in honor of him.

A private interment will take place in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Indiana next to his mother.

The arrangements are entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

Donations can be made in Mr. Hinkle's memory to the Tippecanoe Valley Angler's Club with checks to TVHS with Angler's Club in the memo line or to the Robert E. Hinkle Education-Technical Memorial Scholarship held at the North Indiana Community Foundation.

Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

Second Harvest plans tailgate food distribution for Wednesday

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. For more information, visit redcross.org.

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"fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

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A Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana weekly food distribution tailgate event will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. No IDs, proof of address or need will be required, and all will be welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org. For more information on donating, visit curehunger.org/get-involved-donate.

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020 on Wednesday

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the INDAR to meet Sept. 8

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (INDAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Grandstaff Hengten Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be on Elijah Mitchell, the only known soldier of the American Revolutionary War buried in Huntington County. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the

American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Salamonie senior luncheon set for Monday, Sept. 14

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Sept. 14, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Master Naturalist April Reed will share her passion for raising monarch butterflies and tips and tricks she's learned along the way. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. The main dish of baked spaghetti will be provided as a fundraiser by Friends of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. In compliance with Back on Track Indiana, face coverings and CDC social distancing guidelines will be practiced. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Clark Gallery to host 2020 photography show

The Honeywell Center Clark Gallery will be the site of the 2020 Photography Show sponsored by Harmon Photography through Wednesday, Sept. 23. For the 2020 Photography Show, a photographer may enter up to three pieces. Categories include black and white, color, and altered images. To review the 2020 Photography Show guidelines and complete the entry forms, visit www.honeywellcenter.org/photo-show. Early entries can be made by appointment only by contacting Michele Hughes by email at clarkgallery@honeywellfoundation.org or by calling 260-274-1411.

Weed Wrangle to be held Sept. 26 at Salamonie Lake

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Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north

Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26

The Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26.

Red Cross schedules

blood donation

opportunity

for Tuesday

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Sept. 14, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Master Naturalist April Reed will share her passion for raising monarch butterflies and tips and tricks she's learned along the way. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. The main dish of baked spaghetti will be provided as a fundraiser by Friends of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. In compliance with Back on Track Indiana, face coverings and CDC social distancing guidelines will be practiced. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

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LIFESTYLES

Sheet pan simplicity doesn't skimp on flavor

You've probably heard of sheet pan dinners. The term may be trendy, but the concept is not. It simply means arranging all of your dinner components on a rimmed baking sheet, coating them with oil and seasoning, then roasting in the oven. And, voila, you have a complete dinner on a tray.

While the emphasis is certainly on ease of preparation, with the right ingredients this cooking method ensures maximum flavor. Oven roasting coaxes out the flavors of vegetables and meats and is a surefire (no pun intended) way to cook to crispy, golden perfection. The key to building great flavor is the ingredients you use to coat and bind the dish. They can be as basic as olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper, or more elaborate with aromatic marinades, spices, herbs and citrus.

This recipe combines two ingredients that are well suited for roasting: bone-in chicken thighs and romanesco, a chartreuse green brassica that looks like a cone-headed cauliflower. Importantly, they both require a similar amount of cooking time, so they can happily team up on a baking sheet without one ingredient overcooking while the other keeps

on roasting. (You can also use white cauliflower in this recipe.) A potent, herbaceous chermoula sauce, robust with garlic, lemon and spices, coats the whole lot and drives in flavor.

The finishing touch to this recipe – not required, but recommended – is a smoky red pepper sauce for swiping and drizzling. It's inspired by Spanish romesco sauce (not to be confused with the romanesco vegetable!) and traditionally consists of roasted tomatoes and ground almonds or hazelnuts. This smoother rendition uses roasted red peppers to create a sweet and smoky condiment.

Sheet Pan Chermoula Chicken With Romanesco Cauliflower

Active time: 30 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour, plus marinating time

Serves 4

Chermoula Sauce:

1 1/2 cups Italian parsley leaves and tender sprigs
1 1/2 cups cilantro leaves and tender sprigs
1 cup fresh mint leaves
Juice and finely grated zest of 1/2 lemon
4 garlic cloves
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon red chili flakes

1/2 cup olive oil
8 bone-in chicken thighs with skin

Red Pepper Sauce:

2 jarred roasted red peppers, drained and rinsed, coarsely chopped
1 red jalapeno pepper, seeds and membranes removed (optional), coarsely chopped
2 garlic cloves, chopped
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 medium head romanesco (or white cauliflower)
Cilantro sprigs for garnish
Lemon wedges for serving

Combine all of the chermoula ingredients, except the oil, in the bowl of a food processor and pulse to finely chop. Add the oil and pulse to blend. The chermoula should have a runny salsa consistency. If it's too thick, add more oil to loosen.

Place the chicken in a large bowl. Pour in the chermoula and stir to thoroughly coat, rubbing the marinade between the skin and meat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before roasting.

Combine all of the red pepper sauce ingredients in the cleaned bowl of a food processor and



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

process to blend. Taste for seasoning. (The sauce may be prepared in advance and stored in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.)

Heat the oven to 375 degrees.

Cut the romanesco into thick steaks from crown to stem in 3/4-inch slices. Cut out the cores and cut the cores into bite-size chunks. (The cores are sweet and edible, so don't discard them.)

Remove the chicken from the marinade and arrange, skin-side up, on a rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment. Brush the

cauliflower steaks and pieces on all sides with the residual marinade from the bowl and arrange around the chicken. Season everything with salt and black pepper.

Transfer the tray to the oven and roast until the romanesco is tender and the chicken is golden brown and cooked through (it should register 165 degrees when a meat thermometer is inserted into the thickest part closest to the bone), about 30 minutes.

Garnish with fresh cilantro leaves and serve with lemon wedges.

Dating corona-style leads to love connections, marriage

By LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — If there's one thing the pandemic hasn't canceled, it's the search for love.

Throughout the health emergency, daters have taken to apps, websites and matchmaking services in search of connection, with more meeting in person as the crisis drags on at a time when every touch is calculated and fraught.

Some daters insist on safety precautions before leaping into offline meetups. Others take no precautions, relying on mutual trust. A lucky few are on the ultimate step, marriage.

In March, the popular dating app Hinge experienced a 30 percent increase over January and February in messages sent among users. In June, compared to the same month last year, there was a 13 percent increase in the number of dates — virtual and in person — in the U.S. and U.K., said Logan Ury, chief researcher for the app.

Ury said the resolve to reach out amid coronavirus chaos is strong.

"Daters are feeling creative. They're feeling resilient, and they're not willing to put a year of their love life on hold because of the global pandemic," Ury said.

Look no further than Jordan and Brittany Tyler in Allegan, Michigan, as evidence of that.

Jordan, an adjunct professor of communications at Western Michigan University, and Brittany, who supervises a program for autistic youth, had both been divorced about a year when the pandemic hit. Neither had dated online before they signed up for Match.com.

"When the lockdown happened an alert went off on my phone and it sounded like 'The Purge' or something," Brittany laughed. "I thought, 'I'm going to die alone.'"

Both had dated their exes for several years before marrying. Not this time.

The two started texting March 18. They were wed by July after spending much of quarantining together after a romantic date March 24 at Jordan's place. He made gluten-free pasta from scratch and threw steaks on the grill. They watched the movie "P.S. I Love You" and shared a kiss less than two hours after meeting in person for the first time.

Jordan's winning line when they hopped from text to the physical world?

"I said, 'Hey, if you come have dinner with me I'm stocked up on toilet paper. I'll give you a free roll,' he joked. "It was worth the risk."

For two New Yorkers, real-estate agent Gordon von Broock, 53, and hair colorist Alix Mane, 42, pandemic love didn't start with a dating service. He had been her Instagram crush since late last year and the two had exchanged casual messages.

By March, he was a COVID-19 survivor. She spotted a video he put up on Instagram as he regained his strength.

"He did not look well," Mane said.

Their first Zoom date at the end of April lasted seven hours. They progressed to

real life and they're now engaged.

"I've been divorced twice and have four children. If we weren't in the COVID-19 situation, knowing that Gordon had never been married, was 53 years old and never had children would be kind of a little red flag for me. I would have been a red flag for him," she said. "But we got right to the point."

Von Broock added: "If we had met in different circumstances I would be, no way, but we had the time to really get to know each other."

Dawoon Kang, co-founder of another popular dating app, Coffee Meets Bagel, said the company's "slow dating" approach, in contrast to endless swiping, seems to appeal to users during the pandemic. The bulk of the app's users are between 25 and 39 years old.

"We're seeing an all-time chat rate," Kang said. "In mid-March, after the lockdowns, 90 percent plus of our daters told us they had completely stopped going on dates in person."

During brainstorming sessions with users since the pandemic began, Kang learned that many yearned for community and a way to ease their loneliness, regardless of whether that led to dates. In response, Coffee Meets Bagel added twice-weekly Zoom meetups of 50 to 100 people from late April to late June.

"Now, people are actually starting to meet up in person, but they're taking longer and being more selective since there's more at risk," she said.

In Washington, D.C., 25-year-old communications consultant Carlos Zavala has been spending time on Tinder and Bumble but has yet to go on a date in person. He had stopped using the sites in December, but reactivated his accounts in April because: "I was going stir crazy being home with the family."

Only recently has he felt comfortable, with COVID-19 rates dropping in his area, considering going out with someone in person.

"I've seen that our conversations do get more personal faster than usual," Zavala said. "In the beginning, I considered not dating, but then I realized this actually is making a lot of people be more real with what they want and cuts through all the b.s."

Zavala's experience resonates with many corona daters, said Yue Xu, a former relationship coach and co-host of the podcast "Dateable."

"People are having deeper connections," she said. "People are bonding over maybe feeling alone, feeling helpless, feeling a sense of loss. So that initial bond is pretty strong, even though these relationships may not last."

Alina Mayes, senior matchmaker for the luxury firm Selective Search, said that at the beginning of the pandemic, the idea among affluent, older core users was to find someone to quarantine with. Most were used to vetting prospective mates offline with a one-on-one matchmaker, and had to settle in to virtual matchmaking, she said.

"But we've been busier than ever," Mayes said.

Yes, your unemployment benefit is taxable income — but it shouldn't be

Samantha Meyer collects \$280 a week in unemployment benefits — after federal and state taxes.

Yes, unemployment benefits are taxed.

If Congress ever gets around to passing another stimulus package, it should remove the federal taxability of unemployment benefits.

With corporations and uber-wealthy Americans able to take advantage of generous tax breaks that reduce their tax liability, it seems only fair that people receiving unemployment compensation shouldn't bear the burden of having their payments tapped for taxes during a pandemic that is crushing them financially.

For the week ending Aug. 22, a little more than 1 million people applied for unemployment insurance, according to the Labor Department. People need every dollar to make ends meet, particularly now that the enhanced \$600 weekly bonus authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (Cares) Act has ended.

In addition to the federal tax burden, most states also tax unemployment benefits. The IRS recently issued a press release reminding people receiving unemployment compensation that they can and probably should have taxes withheld to avoid a tax bill when they file their federal return next year.

States are required to inform all new claimants of their responsibility to pay income tax on their unemployment benefits. Still, understandably, many people stressed by their financial situation may not realize they have to either elect to have taxes withheld or file estimated quarterly tax payments.

"With so many Americans now receiving unemployment benefits who have either never received them before or haven't in a long time, it's probably worth reminding folks that they have the option of voluntary tax withholding," said IRS spokesman Eric Smith.

Under federal law, there are only two choices for withholding on IRS Form W-4V, which covers unemployment compensation: 0 percent or a flat 10 percent, says Eric Bronnenkant, head of tax at online financial adviser Betterment.

"It is generally a good idea to have withholding if there is a tax liability expected after factoring in all income and withholding from other sources during the year," Bronnenkant said.

It's tempting to opt out of withholding tax. But kicking the tax obligation down the road could be an expensive choice. On top of the interest you may owe if you can't pay your tax bill on time, you could be hit with an underpayment penalty.

The U.S. has a pay-as-you-go tax system, which means taxpayers are supposed to pay income tax as they receive it during the year, either through withholding by an employer or by making estimated tax payments. If you don't pay enough tax throughout the year, you may have to pay an underpayment penalty, which is currently 3 percent.

"I opted into having the taxes taken out upfront, but I'm failing to understand how or why they need to tax this," says Meyer, who is a member of the Washington Post's Navigating Unemployment Facebook page,

a community of people who are out of work because of the pandemic. Meyer, who worked in property management, said it took her four months to get her benefits.

Like so many others, the Madison, Wisconsin, woman complained about the taxation. "I'm not choosing to be in this position," she said. "I'm also not collecting that much in a week."

Until 1979, unemployment benefits were tax-free.

But the Revenue Act of 1978 set a threshold at which unemployment compensation would be taxed. Benefits were taxable only for single tax filers whose adjusted gross income exceeded \$20,000, or \$25,000 for joint filers.

The rationale behind the taxing benefits in the late '70s is the same for reason many Republicans who have argued recently against extending the extra \$600 a week under the Cares Act. They want to discourage people from relying on unemployment benefits. During the taxation debate, policymakers relied on research that made the absurd conclusion that taxing unemployment benefits would encourage people to look for work, according to a 2015 report by the Congressional Research Service.

Practically, this makes no sense for the jobless. Eventually, unemployment runs out.

"If an unemployed worker waits until he is near the end of his eligibility for benefits to consider re-employment, he risks considerable discomfort," one researcher countered in a paper published in the National Tax Journal in 1976. "Further, it has been shown that a spell of unemployment lowers expected subsequent earnings."

Nonetheless, legislators of the Carter and Reagan eras pressed on with their faulty reasoning in reducing unemployment benefits. And, as part of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, unemployment income became fully taxable. It is not, however, subject to Social Security and Medicare taxes, because the payments are not considered to be earned wages.

Given the severity of the current economic downturn, Congress should at the very least pause the taxation of unemployment as it did during the Great Recession.

For tax year 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act excluded the first \$2,400 in unemployment benefits from income taxes.

Nobody is getting rich off collecting unemployment.

"I'd rather be working," said Meyer, 29.

"Getting on unemployment is already such a circus. It's still work to be unemployed. You still have to apply for jobs. You have to file every week. I can't imagine anyone willingly being on unemployment for an extended period of time. Not working has just been the most awful experience of my life."

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Worship

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

STAFF REPORT

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Aug. 30 at Asbury Country Church, Sunday school will take place at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service will take place at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The morning message, from Pastor Mike Bullick, will be, "Trip through life and more."

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Aug. 30 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be Matthew 7:21-23 with a sermon reflection titled, "Four most terrifying words in the Gospel." Worship service is streamed live every Sunday on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

Pastor Joe Bellone's sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under "College Corner Brethren Church."

Dora Christian Church

For the Sunday, Aug. 30 services at the Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two morning Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and another at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages will take place from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski's message for this Sunday will be, "Trust the Shepherd," from Psalm 23. The communion table will be served by Chuck Marion and John Troyer. It is Family Sunday, so there will be no children's church provided for the 10:30 Service. If you can't make it to the live services, Preacher

Mark Wisniewski's sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will be streaming the Sunday morning worship service for the next few weeks at 10 a.m. through Facebook at facebook.com/wabashfirstumc.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist worship services are at 10 a.m. Sunday, with Sunday school at 9 a.m. at 5848 E. 500 South. On Sunday, Aug. 30, we will be back in the sanctuary. Sunday, Sept. 13 is confirmation Sunday. We have several youths being confirmed that day. The service is at 10 a.m. For more information, email Pastor John Cool at pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Online services only at www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same

way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting nmmc1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have service for Sunday, Aug. 30 in our church at 9 a.m. along with being on Facebook. The sermon is from Matthew 18:1-6 titled, "Like a Child." August birthdays will be celebrated.

St. Bernard Catholic Church

Masses have resumed, with safety restrictions. Everyone attending Mass must wear a facemask. Masses are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Saturdays; 9:30 a.m. Sundays; 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 8:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook Page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service

schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbabayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church

Streaming both on their website at wabashchristian.org and Facebook.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Walk By Faith Community Church

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann's Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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Be angry

Last month we went on vacation to Glacier National Park. The first question is usually, "How are you getting there?" Because it is a long way away.

We decided to drive.

Two long days with six people in one car, including a couple of teenagers. From the moment we woke up and got in the car

in Indiana we were already on vacation – but our destination was still a long way away, and we had to deal with tired and sometimes ornery people in close quarters with different motivations and expectations.

Then, we spent a week in a two-bedroom cabin, with another two days' drive home. My wife said, "That went well." It did, with memories for a lifetime and growth in relationships for our extended family. Yet, there was one point in the middle of the week I was looking at vacancy signs at hotels because I'd just about had it. Even rubbing up against other like-minded people, we get painfully aware that we're not there yet – this is not paradise, and we are not perfect.

We have to deal with anger. Ever have times where you had to deal with emotions that got the better of you? Estranged from friends and family over a passionate disagreement in your past, or embarrassed yourself at school when you lost it, or negatively impacted your job because you acted out in a difficult situation? Give up on church because somebody there made you angry? What do you think is driving that? Can it get better, and how?

The Apostle Paul writes: "Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger and give no opportunity to the devil." (Ephesians 4:26-27 ESV)

Be. Angry. There are plenty of good reasons to be angry, isn't there? However, when we stew on that, when we hang onto bitterness and resentment or out and outrage, we are giving the devil a room in our heads and hearts to speak lies, a place to stand against our reason, and unrestricted opportunity to blow the flames of emotion to overload. We give the devil ground in our souls. Where are you harboring his lies? Do you find you have an ongoing battle with anger? Are still steaming over something from weeks or even years ago, every time you think of that person – they may even be dead – then evil may be camped out in your soul. Is it keeping you up at night, re-running the same list of reasons and justifications for you to stay angry? Has it ruined a relationship, or continuing to ruin relationships for you? Are you guilty of gossip, talking smack behind someone's back, even your family or loved one? Where do you think that voice in your head is coming from? I used to think it was self-defense; not anymore.

This is a multi-headed monster, and the Bible calls them out, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with

all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:31-32 ESV)

The Apostle identifies three areas of our hearts where we can call on God to do battle. The first area is our emotions: bitterness and wrath and anger. The second is our reactions: clamor and slander, the choice to shout and act out, to speak abusive words. The third area is around our motivations: malice, that is the drive to inflict harm whether out of vengeance or to assert prideful power. When we are hurt and angry or just spiteful, we want the world to feel it.

In the same breath, though, we begin to see how God comes to our rescue. "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

(Ephesians 4:30 ESV) For the believer in Christ Jesus, we have an indefatigable and unbeatable champion, who is present and working in every area of our hearts. We can challenge the emotions: what about this situation is making me angry? Is it me just being selfish, stupid and proud, or maybe it is from sinful people like me acting sinfully, or the effects of a broken and diseased world. Holy Spirit is there to convict and correct us. The Spirit will also help us in our reactions. I remember an elderly saint tell me once, "Kill 'em with kindness." We learn that "a gentle word turns away wrath" (Proverbs 15:1a ESV), and that we can offer them a meal instead of a knuckle sandwich (that's Romans 12:20-21, my paraphrase).

Most importantly, the Holy Spirit is there to remind us of our motivations. On this side of heaven, there will always be plenty of good reasons to be angry. Yet, there is a reason we can respond in kindness, that we see others in a new and different light: in Jesus, we are made new (2 Cor 5:17); we've been given a new heart along with a new Spirit (Eze 11:19); instead of malice and ill-will, we look out for others' interests and to build them up according to their needs (Eph 4:29), because for all the misplaced, messed up, and malicious things we've said and done, when we accept Jesus' death on the cross for our sins and give our lives to become more like Him, by His grace we have His complete and lasting forgiveness – that we then get to share with all the other angry folks out there.

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

(Ephesians 3:16-18 NIV) God bless you.

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Can Episcopal clergy consecrate bread and wine online?

In the late 1970s, the Episcopal Ad Project began releasing spots taking shots at television preachers and other trends in American evangelicalism.

One image showed a television serving as an altar, holding a priest's stole, a chalice and plate of Eucharistic hosts. The headline asked: "With all due regard to TV Christianity, have you ever seen a Sonny that gives Holy Communion?"

Now some Anglicans are debating whether it's valid – during the coronavirus crisis – to celebrate "virtual Eucharists," with computers linking priests at altars and communicants with their own bread and wine at home.

In a recent House of Bishops meeting – online, of course – Episcopal Church leaders backed away from allowing what many call "Virtual Holy Eucharist."

Episcopal News Service said bishops met in private small groups to discuss if it's "theologically sound to allow Episcopalians to gather separately and receive Communion that has been consecrated by a priest remotely during an online service."

"Priests who have the technical know-how, the equipment and the inclination" to proceed.

People at home, he wrote, will "provide for themselves bread and wine (bread alone is also permissible) and place it on a table in front of them. The priest's consecration of elements in front of her or him extends to the bread and wine in each ... household. The people will consume the consecrated elements."

Days later, after consulting with America's presiding bishop, Bishop Owensby rescinded those instructions. "I understand that virtual consecration of elements at a physical or geographical distance from the altar exceeds the recognized bounds set by our rubrics and inscribed in our theology of the Eucharist," he wrote.

However, similar debates were already taking place among other Anglicans. In Australia, for example, Archbishop Glenn Davies of Sydney urged priests to be creative during this pandemic, while churches were being forced to shut their doors.

During a livestreamed

rite, he wrote, parishioners "could participate in their own homes via the internet, consuming their own bread and wine, in accordance with our Lord's command."

While following the rite online, "their fellowship with the body of Christ would be no less spiritual and no less real. We must not fall into the erroneous mindset of thinking that consecration of the elements is only valid for us if we are physically present to consume them, as if there were magic in the hands of the minister."

These debates may seem strange, following decades of news about Episcopalians and some other Anglicans voting to modernize church traditions in many ways – from the arrival of female priests and bishops to the decision to allow noncelibate gays and lesbians into the priesthood and the episcopate.

However, churches throughout the global Anglican Communion have continued to maintain Eucharistic altar traditions common in Western Christianity, including the Roman Catholic Church.

Thus, the American church's modern Book of Common Prayer states, when describing the consecration of bread and wine: "At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or

lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated."

But these are not normal times, stressed the Rev. Dana Delap, in a Church Times essay entitled, "How we shared the bread and wine on Zoom." She is a vicar in the Diocese of Gloucester in England.

Delap stressed that she knows Anglican leaders are reluctant to "make a theological statement without consideration." Still, at Easter, she allowed what she called the "least-worst way" to have Mass.

After all, she wrote, "What is the essence of consecration? Surely, it is the work of the Holy Spirit, whose action is not contained within the crusts of a loaf, the walls of a church or the doctrines of the Church, but who, through God's grace, meets us in bread and wine. We unite with one another when we gather for communion, but also with the saints and witnesses of our faith through history..."

"I want to believe in a God who meets us in our homes and places of work, as well as in our churches."

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No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:37

The Trump National Convention

During Donald Trump's time in the Oval Office, the Republican Party has lacked organizing principles. The old ones – limited government, fiscal responsibility, moral rectitude and standing up to dictators, to name a few – have been systematically trashed by Trump. Republicans who once championed these canons, meanwhile, have spent the past 3 1/2 years sticking their heads in the sand.

As this week's convention to nominate Trump for a second term got underway Monday, something else was clear. There really is no Republican National Convention to speak of. It has been replaced by an extravaganza of adulation, with numerous speakers lavishing the kind of praise on the president that one would expect to hear in some forlorn dictatorship.

The event itself is less Republican National Convention than Trump National Convention. He has plastered his moniker on everything else. Why not on the party and its quadrennial gathering?

During Monday's speeches, Trump was called pretty much everything but a messiah. Republican activist Charlie Kirk even described him as "the

bodyguard of Western civilization."

Over the course of the week, seven Trump family members – his wife, four adult children and two of his children's significant others – are scheduled to speak.

The roster of speakers who aren't related to Trump is heavy on people like Reps. Jim Jordan of Ohio and Matt Gaetz of Florida, known for their fealty to the president, and light on candidates for statewide office. Former Republican luminaries such as George W. Bush, who served two terms as president, and Mitt Romney, the 2012 nominee, are nowhere to be seen.

Want more evidence the Grand Old Party has become little more than a Trump booster club? Consider the fact that this year's convention will have no platform. While it is easy to overstate the importance of platforms, they represent a chance for party regulars to have input, and they force parties to make decisions and compromises about complex issues. The absence of a platform shows that there is little distinction between the GOP and the whims of Donald Trump.

To be sure, last week's Democratic National Convention

contained an array of paean to presidential nominee Joe Biden. But at least the party made the effort to produce a 91-page platform that outlines its agenda and priorities.

The GOP's sorry situation is partly a reflection of Trump's popularity with rank-and-file Republicans. But it is also the result of establishment Republicans repeatedly declining to stand up to Trump and defend traditional party principles.

When one-time Trump critics, such as Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, turn into Trump acolytes, that sends a powerful message.

When Republican members of Congress stand by as Trump makes a mockery of their power of the purse by moving money around as he sees fit, that also sends a message.

And when Republicans support Trump after he tries to shake down foreign leaders for political gain, that especially sends a message.

Republicans have only themselves to blame for allowing Trump to transform a once proud party into a cult. Like the foreign strongmen he so admires, Trump will respond to cowardice with contempt.

— This editorial was first published in USA Today.

Trump's salted-earth strategy

Like some medieval warlord on the verge of ruin, President Donald Trump is burning the harvest and salting the fields. He seems determined to leave behind a broken nation.

No one should take for granted that Trump will lose to Joe Biden in November. But the more likely this result appears to be, the more clearly we can see the wreckage that Biden would inherit.

**Eugene
Robinson**

Trump's tenure has been a disaster all along, but as Election Day approaches things are getting worse – with long-term implications that are dire.

The smoke-and-mirrors executive actions Trump signed this weekend are but the latest example. They don't actually do anything concrete to help the millions of Americans thrown out of work by the pandemic, with the one exception of extending the moratorium on repayment of student loans, which is a good thing. Beyond that, Trump didn't really forestall an expected wave of evictions; he just mandated a study of the issue. Trump didn't really extend the \$600-a-week federal supplement to unemployment benefits; he cut it to \$300 and demanded that the states, which are basically broke, pony up an additional \$100.

But Trump's deferral of employee payroll tax collection for the rest of the year, for workers making less than \$104,000 – which probably is within his power as president – does real damage, all of it gratuitous. It takes away hundreds of billions of dollars from Social Security. And, of course, it helps precisely no one who is unemployed, since to pay payroll taxes one has to be on a payroll.

This mess can eventually be cleaned up by Congress, whose work is hampered by the fact that the putative author of "Trump: The Art of the Deal" obviously has no idea how to negotiate an agreement – and refuses even to sit across the table from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., upon whom any deal depends. A Biden presidency would fix this dysfunction, though progress would be inhibited if Republicans retain control of the Senate.

Much worse is Trump's botched handling of the coronavirus pandemic. Just look at the devastation and disgrace the United States has suffered. Other industrial nations listened to their medical experts, shut down their economies comprehensively to drive infection rates to near zero, and then cautiously reopened. They have done so in fits and starts, with some setbacks and new closures, but most have been able to keep the virus at bay.

But here, in the nation that Ronald Reagan called a "shining city on a hill," infection rates in most regions remain out of control. Europe has imposed a travel ban against Americans, who are deemed too likely to spark new outbreaks of disease. The developed world must see us as one of those "shithole countries" that Trump famously disdained.

With our schools now opening willy-nilly, without a national strategy in place or even in the works, there is no chance that the novel coronavirus will simply "go away," as Trump fantasizes. So Biden's first and biggest challenge, if he wins, may be to take the decisive and effective action against the coronavirus that Trump has neglected. Biden would inherit not just a continuing economic crisis but, perhaps, a worsening health crisis as well.

He would also be left with a social crisis. Cities across the nation are still rocked by the Black Lives Matter protests over police violence and systemic racism. A police shooting in Chicago – which police have said was return fire toward a protester who shot at officers – sparked widespread damage and looting Sunday along the city's glittering downtown "Magnificent Mile." There were tense weekend protests in flash points such as Portland, Ore., and Louisville, Ky., as well as in smaller cities such as Asheville, N.C., and Stamford, Conn.

A president who put the well-being of the nation above politics would have sought to lead and guide the fractious national conversation we are having about race. Instead, Trump has made the moment into a confrontation between advocates of "LAW & ORDER" and demonstrators that he calls "Marxists" and "anarchists."

The federal government, through the Justice Department, could be aiding the process of police reform. Instead, through the Department of Homeland Security, it sent unidentified officers in unmarked vans to sweep up protesters in Portland and threatens other cities with similar treatment.

None of the harm that Trump has done to the nation will automatically repair itself if Biden wins. The incoming administration would have to deal with acute crisis on top of acute crisis.

The only worse prospect is the unthinkable: Trump wins. After four more years of disfigurement, would we even recognize ourselves?

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HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Aug. 29, the 242nd day of 2020.

There are 124 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Aug. 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near New Orleans, bringing floods that devastated New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

On this date:

In 1862, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began operations at the United States Treasury.

In 1877, the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, at age 76.

In 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers during World War II, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.

In 1944, 15,000 American troops of the 28th Infantry Division marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

In 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

Tariff Man punishes the Canadian bullies

Donald Trump's almost erotic relationship with the Whirlpool Corp. continued earlier this month when he traveled to Whirlpool's factory in Clyde, Ohio, where he boasted to workers that he re-imposed tariffs on Canadian aluminum. Why this pleased them is mysterious.

"Canada was taking advantage of us, as usual," he said, as usual. He is indignant that although America has been made great again, it is being bullied by Canada, which inflicts on American purchasers aluminum that is too inexpensive, destroying "our aluminum jobs."

But only 3 percent of U.S. aluminum jobs involve producing primary aluminum. Chad Bown of the Peterson Institute for International Economics explains that smelters use vast quantities of energy, so most are located where electricity is inexpensive, as in Canada, which has abundant hydro-power.

Only three companies smelt primary aluminum in the United States, and one of them, Alcoa, smelts globally, so these tariffs essentially serve two companies. Ninety-seven percent of U.S. aluminum jobs involve making things from the metal – things that will cost more and hence sell less because of Trump's tariffs.

The Trump-Whirlpool romance began in 2017 when Whirlpool sought, and got, protection from imported washing machines that Americans desired because of price and quality. In 2006, when the government had worried about Whirlpool's purchase of its largest competitor, Maytag, Whirlpool had said: Worry not, competition from imports (especially from South Korea's Samsung and LG) will keep our prices low and quality high.

Eleven years later, although Whirlpool still had a larger market share than Samsung

and LG combined, Whirlpool got Trump's administration to impose tariffs on those companies' machines.

But in March 2018, the administration, citing the "national security" threat posed by steel and aluminum imports – mostly from military allies, including Canada, and other friendly nations – imposed tariffs on those metals.

Some nations, including Canada, retaliated with tariffs, some of them on agricultural products, which caused the administration to pay billions to farmers as balm for injuries it had provoked.

When not farming in Iowa's Butler County, Republican Chuck Grassley chairs the Senate Finance Committee. He said

there would be no ratification of the USMCA (the US/Mexico/Canada Agreement, NAFTA's successor) unless the retaliation against agriculture stopped. It stopped and USMCA passed, but the United States retained

the right to reimpose tariffs on aluminum imports if they surged "meaningfully beyond historic volumes." But imports are not, as the administration claims, "substantially" above historical levels. This year's

January-through-June imports from Canada of primary aluminum were nearly 5 percent lower than those of 2017's first six months. But Trump, unfazed by the nuisance of numbers, unsurprisingly imposed tariffs and Canada unsurprisingly retaliated with tariffs on U.S. goods.

Lynn Westmoreland, a Republican and former six-term member of Congress, says U.S. aluminum smelters produce slightly less than 1 million tons a year. In 2017, U.S. consump-

tion was more than 5 million tons. Westmoreland says: We must buy the difference somewhere. If not from our neighbor, ally and USMCA partner Canada, "Would U.S. trade officials prefer aluminum from Russia or China?"

Steel and aluminum are used in washing machines and other appliances, and tariffs on imported metals raise prices. A few jobs are created or protected at substantial cost to the public. Fifteen months ago, this column reported on a study by a Federal Reserve researcher and two University of Chicago economists who found that the tariffs raised the prices of washing machines on average \$86

– but also the prices of clothes dryers by \$92 because manufacturers used the tariffs on the former as an excuse to raise

prices on the latter. The 1,800 manufacturing jobs created by this protectionism cost more than \$817,000 apiece.

Congress vests presidents with vast discretion for government's management of trade, so corporations seek protection, and administrations often grant it, regardless of steep and demonstrable social costs. Those who govern us are governed by this principle: Concentrated benefits are visible and appreciated; dispersed costs are invisible and hence not resented.

Of all the congressional Republicans' many apostacies from professed principles, none is as momentous – because none has such comprehensive implications – as abandonment of free trade. This encourages promiscuous government nullifications of market allocations of wealth and opportunity, and the displacement of consumer and producer preferences by government – meaning political – dictates, an odd achievement for a party rhetorically horrified by socialism.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

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Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website



As the end of summer approaches, we might feel an occasional cool breeze some evenings or notice a lone leaf letting go as it drifts to the still warm ground. Change is on the way. Soon the trees will be ablaze with glory. The landscape will transform from solid green to bursts of red, orange, and gold. Our lives have seasons, too. From youth to old age, our change in seasons can be both exhilarating and formidable...an adventure into the unknown. We don't have to experience it alone. When we trust God in all circumstances, He will help us through every transition. You can learn more about God's unfailing companionship as you worship Him this week. Let Him help you prepare for the changing seasons of your life.

Daily Bible Reading

Haggai 1:1-15 Haggai 2:1-23 Zech. 1:1-17 Zech. 1:18-2:13 Zech. 8:1-23 Zech. 9:9-17 Zech. 10:1-12

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CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

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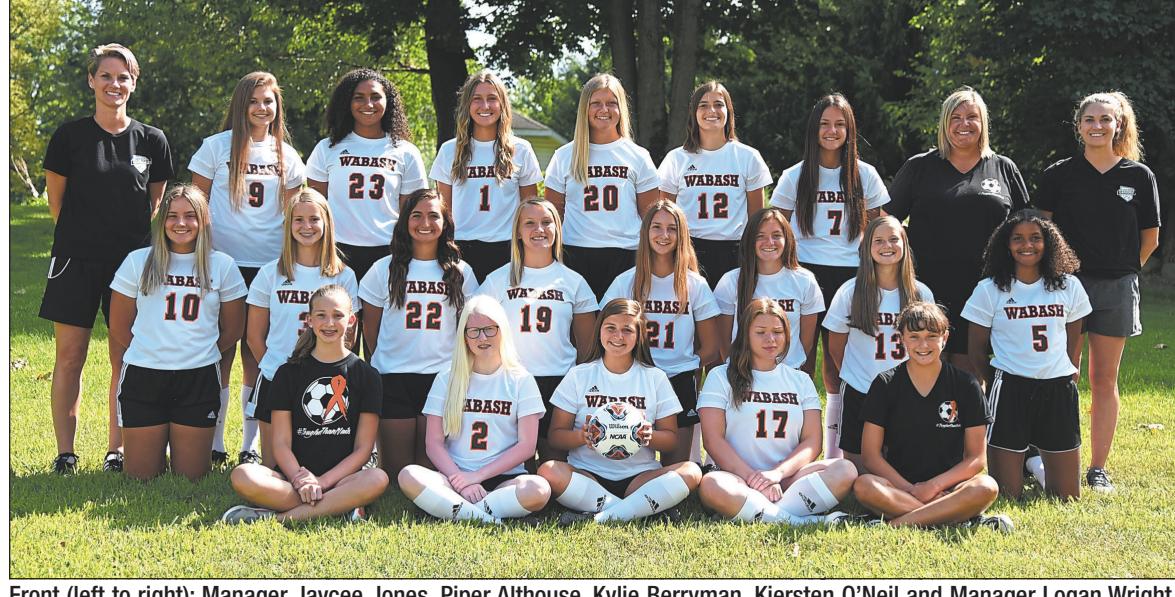
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Top row: Ashley Bricker. Second from top row: Gabi Wagoner and Brenden Rowan. Third from top row: Kylie Brumley and Autumn Housman. Fourth from top row: Haiden Lehman and Haley Higgins. Bottom: Lacey Crist.

WABASH JV CHEER



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Row one: Alli Lopez, Reese Shepherd, Kinsley Miller and Gracey Swain. Row two: Ella Haupert, Alaina Winer, Bailey Miller, Natalie Haycraft, Allie Haecker and Avery Buckler. Row three: Macy Barney, Maggie Ball, Carley Whitesel, Erin McGouldrick, Mya Denney, Rylee Barney, Marissa Metzger and Alix Winer.

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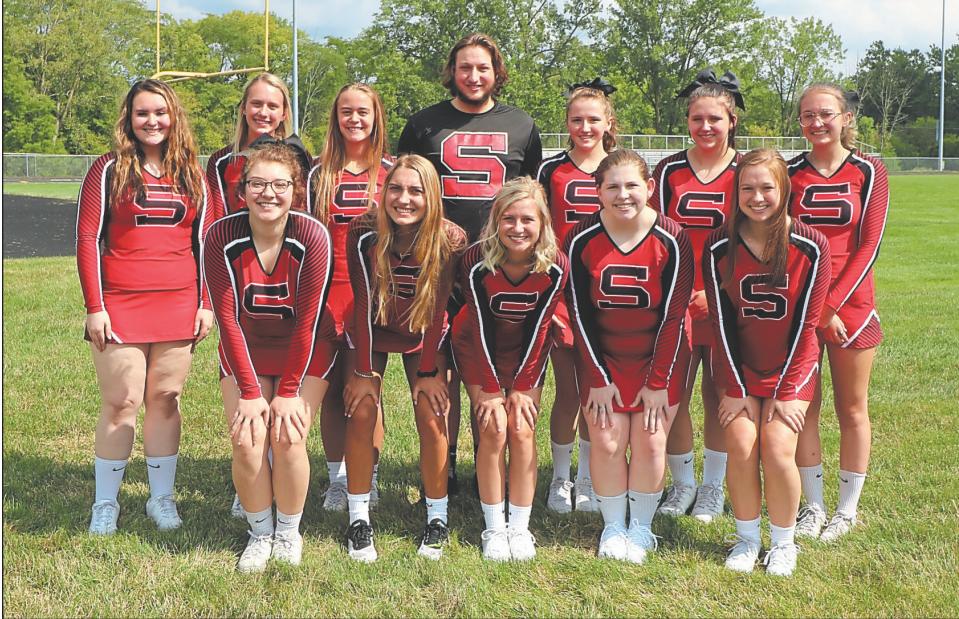
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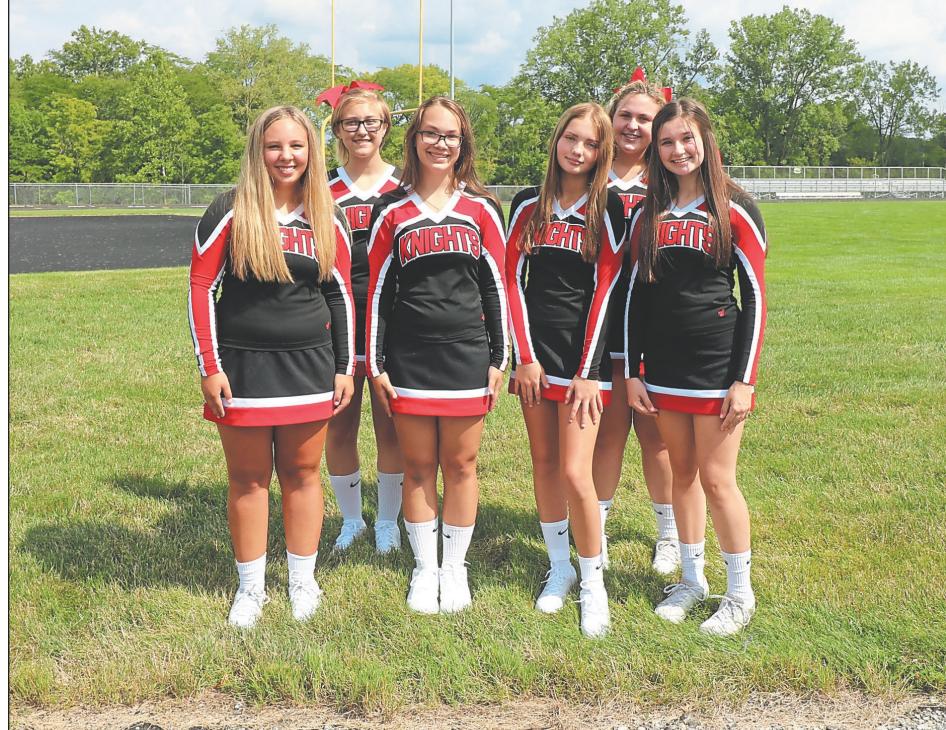
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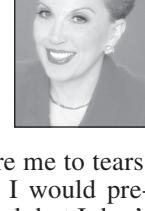


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Family member weighs skipping out on traditional gatherings

DEAR ABBY: Something has been bothering me for a long time.

Dear Abby



When I attend family functions, I become extremely bored. Whether they are birthday parties or Christmas Eve celebrations, they bore me to tears. To be honest, I would prefer not to attend, but I don't want to offend anyone. Must I continue to be polite, or can I just stop attending? If I had more money I would move farther away. Please offer an opinion. — Bored In New York

DEAR BORED: Gladly. You don't have more money, and moving away is not an option. I'm sure this has been less of an issue recently because of the pandemic. Family celebrations are more about support and solidarity than scintillation. While it would be understandable that you might not be available for each and every event, if you skip more than you go to, there WILL be hurt feelings. So, in my opinion, once the pandemic is behind us, you should go. Rather than dwell on being "entertained," concentrate on making the occasion enjoyable for others. You might also consider doing what I have observed politicians doing, which is making an appearance at these gatherings and leaving early.

DEAR ABBY: I'm recently divorced. Because of my work schedule and moving to a smaller place, I no longer am able to properly care for our family cat. My kids (all under 10) barely acknowledge her, so I put an ad in the paper. A family called, came to see her one day and took her home with them while the kids were at school. I told them that "Frisky" was going to go to a new home, but I didn't know when until the day it happened. Now I'm the bad guy since the kids never got to say goodbye.

I contacted the new family and asked if we could come visit her to say goodbye. They reluctantly agreed but won't be available for a few weeks. Their young daughter has bonded with Frisky.

In your opinion, which is better for kids — to visit Frisky in her new home and say goodbye, or just let time heal this wound? — Bad Mom In Minnesota

DEAR BAD MOM: Losing a pet is something children never forget. The pain of losing Frisky will heal more quickly if your children see for themselves that their pet has a home in which she's well taken care of and a family that loves her.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 63-year-old reader, widowed for eight years. I'd like to date and marry again, but I have one concern. Many men lose sexual potency with age. (I believe in waiting until after marriage.) At what point is it appropriate to address this issue? I don't want it to seem as if I wish to remarry only for sex. I might consider marrying for companionship if everything else was good, but I think it's something I should know before marrying. — Kay In West Virginia

DEAR KAY: I agree with your last statement. It's important to know what you're buying into before taking on the challenge of marriage. That's why, in order to avoid any surprises, you should ask your question as soon as the relationship starts to appear serious.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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ACROSS

- 1 Machine part
- 4 "It's freezing!"
- 7 MOMA artist
- 11 California's Fort
- 12 Je ne sais —
- 13 Benchmark
- 14 Dental anesthetic
- 15 Open
- 16 Light brown
- 17 Started
- 19 Shaggy beasts
- 20 Be nosy
- 21 Price offered
- 22 Brewer's supply
- 25 Minor diplomat
- 28 Pipe bend
- 29 Fastens a parka
- 31 Small, in Dogpatch
- 33 Dessert cart item
- 34 Like cheetahs
- 36 Collar
- 37 Admittance
- 40 Chars

DOWN

- 1 Gear
- 2 Speedy steed
- 3 Inventory wd.
- 4 Soft-furred pet
- 5 Scepter
- 6 Grande or Bravo
- 7 Works clay
- 8 Tress
- 9 Goofs up
- 10 Ostrich kin
- 12 Transparent rock
- 18 Family MDs
- 19 Yang complement
- 21 Person in charge
- 22 Slangy affirmative
- 23 Lamb's alias
- 24 Baldwin or Guinness
- 25 Balance sheet gurus
- 26 Radius' companion
- 27 Perjurer
- 30 In that case (2 wds.)
- 32 FedEx units
- 35 Weekend wear (hyph.)
- 38 Expensive time
- 39 Memorable
- 41 Massachusetts state tree
- 43 Picture holders
- 44 Diner employee
- 45 Vast continent
- 47 Famous lioness
- 48 Fix socks
- 49 NFL player
- 50 Owl's query
- 51 Half a bray
- 53 Poor review

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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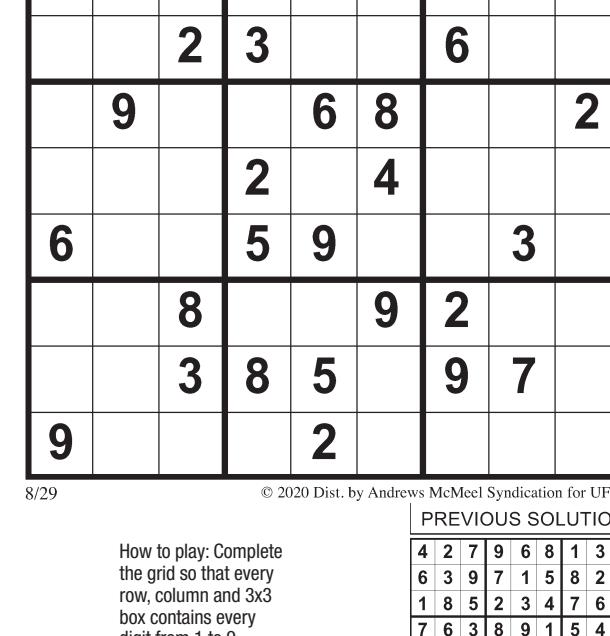
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VOEMI



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THAT SCRABLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I'll be finished when I'm finished!

How much longer are you going to be?

MOTHER NATURE WOULD FINISH PAMPENING THE MORNING LAWNS, ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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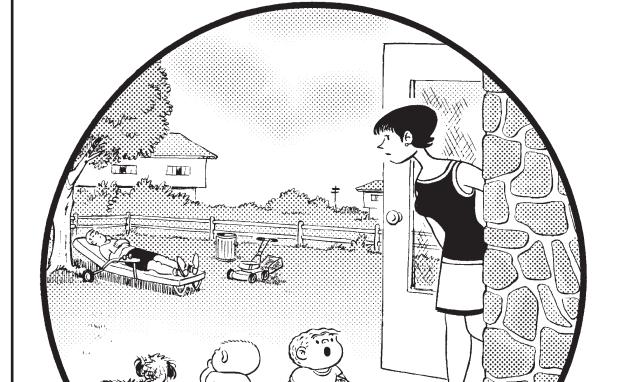
WEARY **ANKLE** **FONDUE** **FRIGHT**

Yesterday's Jumbles: **WEARY** **ANKLE** **FONDUE** **FRIGHT**

Answer: People thought the twins were identical, but their mom — **KNEW DIFFERENT**

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"Can't we take our naps outside today, like Daddy?"

BEETLE BAILEY



BLONDIE



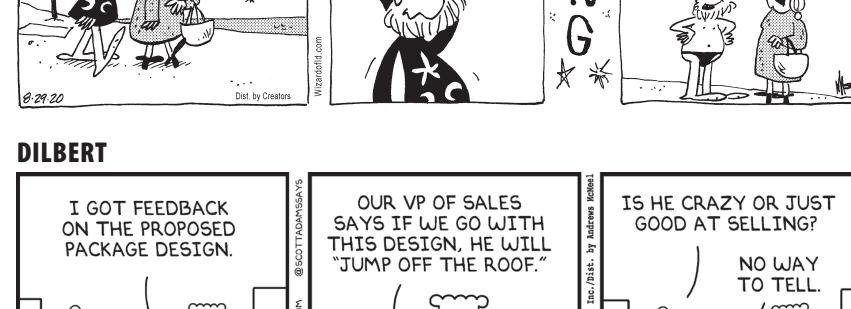
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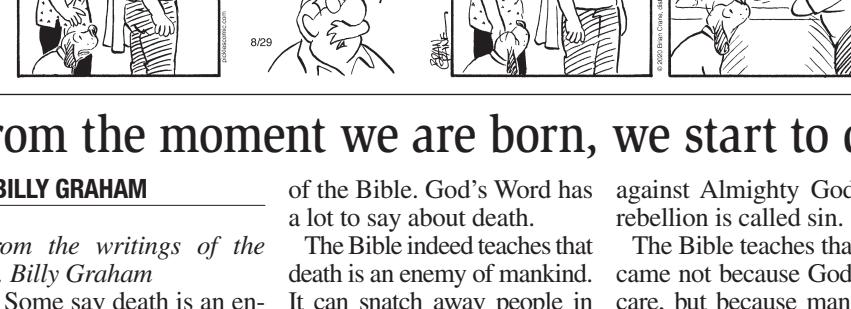
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From the moment we are born, we start to die

By BILLY GRAHAM

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Some say death is an enemy, others say it is a blessing. Which is _____ right? — D.E.

A: From the moment we are born, we start to die. Death is the most dramatic experience in life. Stand at the door of a hospital

emergency room and watch as personnel

wheel in victims from accidents, gun shootings, or heart

attacks. How quickly the thought of death comes — like a snap of the finger.

We don't like the thought of

dying. Our culture is unable

to deal with the orderly process of aging, but if we can

understand death and get a

proper perspective on it, it

will help us to live. You may

ask, how can we find that per-

spective? Through the eyes

of the Bible. God's Word has

a lot to say about death.

The Bible indeed teaches that

death is an enemy of mankind.

It can snatch away people in

the prime of life, leaving be-

hind sorrowing widows, wid-

owers, and children, and many

blame it all on God.

But God never meant that

people should die. There was

no death in the Garden of

Eden, no pain or suffering.

Military and police forces

weren't needed; perfect man

was placed in an environment

of perfection. But because

people were granted individ-

ual will, they chose to rebel

against Almighty God. That rebellion is called sin.

The Bible teaches that death came not because God didn't care, but because man didn't care about what God said.

Death reigns over the whole human race. It's a judgment upon mankind because of our sin.

We age and deteriorate

because of sin. But because

we are sinners, death, in a

sense, is a blessing, because

God has promised that this

enemy, death, will be de-

stroyed forever and God will

reign victorious. The question

we must all answer is: Will we

reign with Him in eternity?

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present.

Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Beletu Stout, senior midfielder, defends the midfield from Wawasee's counterattack.

Squires girls' soccer defeats the Warriors on senior night

Emma Garriott, Manchester forward, scores a hat trick

By BRIDGET NASH
Wabash Plain Dealer Sports Stringer

The Manchester Lady Squires were in action against the Wawasee Warriors on Tuesday for a hard-fought girls' soccer battle on Good Field. The Lady Squires were celebrating senior night for the nine seniors on their squad.

After a late arrival by the Warriors, the game commenced with Wawasee kicking off. After a few changes of possession, the Squires fought for a corner kick opportunity. The kick was cleared by the Warriors and a strong counterattack began. Kayla Metzger, senior defender was able to recover fast enough and stop the Warriors from scoring.

Midway through the first half the Squire offense connected. Beletu Stout, senior midfielder, played a through ball to Emma Garriott, senior forward who took the ball

one-on-one against the goalie and scored the first goal of the game. The Squires led 1 to 0.

The second half commenced, and the Squires were on the attack again. After regaining possession in the midfield, Garriott dribbled her way past the defense and goalie and dribbled into the goal for the Squires second goal of the night. They led the Warriors 2 to 0.

Alexandra Haberman, Wawasee midfielder, tried to control the ball in the midfield and bring luck to their side, but the Squire team continued to push the offensive. After a few attempted through balls to the Squire forwards, Garriott breaks away to the goal past three Warrior defenders and scores her third goal of the night, totaling the final score 3 to 0. Garriott also holds the Manchester Girls' Soccer record for most goals scored in her career with 44 total goals.

"I'm proud of the team, there were a lot of good sends to me. Defense did a really good job and they stopped a lot of stuff," said Garriott.

"Just to build their confi-



By ROB BURGESS / Wabash Plain Dealer
Emma Garriott, senior forward, celebrates after her second goal of the game.

dence and get the shots and connect their passes, they did an awesome job," said Jen Birch, head coach.

The Squires play Oak Hill on Tuesday.

Bridget Nash, Wabash Plain Dealer sports stringer, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplain-dealer.com.

By ROB BURGESS / Wabash Plain Dealer
Emma Garriott, senior forward, celebrates after her second goal of the game.

After continued analysis and deliberation, the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Council of Presidents has voted unanimously to postpone all conference-related contests and competitions, including HCAC Championships slated for fall 2020, according to Dillon Bender, sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester varsity boys' tennis falls to Peru Tigers

Squires will be serving up next Tuesday against Bluffton

By ALINA REED

Wabash Plain Dealer Sports Stringer

With winds high and the heat at 89 degrees, Manchester's Varsity boys' tennis team took on the Peru Tigers on Wednesday.

After coming off of a hard loss from Churubusco earlier this week, Manchester's number one doubles, Isaac Reichenbach and Justin Hall, held a tough match against Peru's number one doubles, Pete Polk and Lucas Slael.

With Reichenbach and Hall being a new combo for doubles, they faced the challenge of winning the match and learning how to work together as a new pair.

Though the two played an amazing game, Peru took the win with the final scores at 6 to 7, 5 to 7 and 1 to 6.

Number two singles, Ethan Espeset, lost to Leif Astrap, with 0-6 and 1-6. Number three singles, Sam Hupp, lost to Ben Backmans 0 to 6 and 0 to 6. Number two doubles, Peyton Jones and Calvin Brown, lost to Reese Smith and Riley Smith, 1 to 6 and 1 to 6.

As junior varsity followed, Zach France lost 1 to 8, Josh Steele lost 0 to 8 and Sam-



Photo by Alina Reed / Plain Dealer

Isaac Reichenbach watches Justin Hall jump for a nice volley winning them another point.

grow as a team," said Matt Carver, head coach.

Manchester executed multiple tough shots, good points and nice volleys and aces, but the Peru Tigers fought hard and won the match 5 to 0. Number one singles, Brady Wiley, lost to Ian Potts with 3 to 6, 6 to 7 and 3 to 7.

Number two singles, Ethan Espeset, lost to Leif Astrap, with 0-6 and 1-6. Number three singles, Sam Hupp, lost to Ben Backmans 0 to 6 and 0 to 6. Number two doubles, Peyton Jones and Calvin Brown, lost to Reese Smith and Riley Smith, 1 to 6 and 1 to 6.

With no seniors this year, half of Manchester's team are freshman and first-year players.

"Although winning a few matches is a positive for us, goals I have for the team this season is setting realistic goals and having them

Next week, Manchester Squires will be playing against Bluffton at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Bluffton.

Alina Reed, Wabash Plain Dealer sports stringer, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplain-dealer.com.

HCAC postpones all fall competitions

STAFF REPORT

Presidents had previously decided to modify the timing of conference competition and championships for fall sports classified by the NCAA as high contact risk – football, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball – and to conduct conference competition for those sports during the spring. The latest vote also postpones competition in those sports the NCAA classified as medium and low contact risk (women's

golf, women's tennis and men's and women's cross country).

"The HCAC Council of Presidents felt that member institutions have made every reasonable effort to conduct safe competitions this fall, meeting the resocialization expectations of the NCAA. Given the recent statement from the Division III leadership, the council voted to suspend conference-related competition until Jan. 1, 2021," said Bender.

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ISDH reports Wabash County's COVID-19 cases above 200

Local tests nearing the 4,000 mark

STAFF REPORT

On Friday, the Indiana State Department of Health recorded Wabash's County's total positive COVID-19 cases as being above 200.

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported one additional local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County's total to 199, with 3,917 tests.

The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 4.6 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 5.2 percent.

On Thursday, the ISDH reported another local positive COVID-19 case, bringing Wabash County's total to 200, with 3,957 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 4.3 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 5 percent.

On Friday, the ISDH reported two more local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 201, with 3,980 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 4.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 5.2 percent.

As of Friday, the ISDH reported the following Wabash County demographics for positive cases by age group:

Ages 0 to 19: 15.3 percent
Ages 20 to 29: 19.3 percent

Ages 30 to 39: 15.8 percent

Ages 40 to 49: 10.9 percent

Ages 50 to 59: 10.9 percent

Ages 60 to 69: 12.9 percent

Ages 70 to 79: 6.4 percent

Ages 80 and above: 8.4 percent

The ISDH reported the following gender breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

Female: 58.4 percent

Male: 41.1 percent

Unknown: .5 percent

The ISDH reported the following racial breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

White: 72.3 percent

Other race: 7.4 percent

Black or African American: 2 percent

Asian: .5 percent

Unknown: 17.8 percent

The ISDH reported the following ethnic breakdowns for Wabash County positive cases:

Not Hispanic or Latino: 56.4 percent

Hispanic or Latino: 5.9 percent

Unknown: 37.6 percent
The state still reported five local deaths.

On Wednesday, Aug. 12 ISDH announced they were, for the first time, making data on specific long-term care facilities in the state available. However, if there were less than five cases in that facility, no further information would be available. The data will be updated at noon each Wednesday.

During this week's update, Wabash County long-term care facilities with recorded cases include:

Peabody Retirement Community: No new positive resident deaths or cases. Eight total resident positive cases. Less than five resident deaths. Sixty-nine staff positive cases.

Rolling Meadows Health Care Center: Less than five each of new resident positive cases, new residents deaths, total resident positive cases, total resident deaths and staff positive cases.

Timbercrest Senior Living Community: Less than five each total resident positive cases total resident deaths and staff positive cases.

Wellbrooke of Wabash: No new resident positive cases, new residents deaths, total resident positive cases or total resident deaths. Less than five staff positive cases.

Statewide on Friday, the ISDH announced that 832 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at the ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 91,313 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous days dashboard.

A total of 3,058 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 11 from the previous day. Another 219 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

As of Friday, nearly 38 percent of ICU beds and nearly 84 percent of ventilators are available across the state.

To date, 1,044,049 tests for unique individuals have been reported to the ISDH, up from 1,034,746 on Thursday.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

Princeton Review says Manchester is among 'Best in the Midwest'

Only 158 colleges and universities made the "Best in the Midwest" list for 2021.

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University is among the best colleges in the Midwest, according to the Princeton Review.

The education services company lists the university with campuses in North Manchester and Fort Wayne, among its "Best in the Midwest" recommended schools in "2021 Best Colleges: Region by Region."

"We chose Manchester University and the other outstanding institutions on this list primarily for their academics," said Robert Franek, the Princeton Review's editor-in-chief. "We also consider what students enrolled at the schools reported to us on our student survey about their campus experiences."

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versities made the "Best in the Midwest" list for 2021.

"We do our utmost to see that the students of ability and conviction who come through our doors leave as principled, productive and compassionate graduates who go on to improve the world," said President Dave McFadden.

The close-knit Manchester community "inspires them to discover their best selves and succeed beyond their own expectations," he said. "The world needs more Manchester graduates."

The Princeton Review surveyed 140,000 students at schools across the nation. The survey asks students to rate their colleges on dozens of issues and answer questions about campus life.

Manchester students said



Provided photo
Manchester University is among the best colleges in the Midwest, according to the Princeton Review.

supportive professors are a hallmark tradition, and many are basically your parent away from home," helping you to "overcome any problem" and "striving to know each and every student."

"You are not a number at Manchester, you're a person with a name and a goal," one student said.

The Princeton Review does

not rank the nation's "regional best" colleges overall or by region. Its editors made their selections based on data collected from college administrators, staff visits to schools over the years, student surveys and high school college counselors.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

Let's talk about the soul of America

We're in a battle for the soul of America," the Democratic nominee for president recently said. I happen to think that's true. But my tolerance for listening to Joe Biden talk about it is officially something like nonexistent.

There was a time in my life when I think I could have entertained the idea of voting for Biden. Knowing that he had locked himself into choosing a woman, and likely a Black woman, as his running mate, I wondered about the mayor of Washington, D.C. Muriel Bowser is an adoptive mother. She didn't seem as hostile to religious entities during the height of the pandemic as, say, New York mayor Bill de Blasio, who threatened to shut places of worship down when a Hasidic community had the audacity to mourn their dead.

And Bowser, like Biden, is a baptized Catholic.

As a senator, Biden had long supported the Hyde Amendment, which prevents taxpayer funding of abortion. But in his old age, the former vice president will have nothing to do with finding common ground with the pro-life camp, even though he's admitted that an unborn baby may be a human life. Even though Biden may personally tell a priest that abortion is wrong, he's all-in as a candidate with whatever the most radical wing of the Democratic party insists on.

If you had any doubts about Biden's commitment to the party line, he con-

firmed it by choosing Kamala Harris, who brings all the zeal of the abortion-on-demand movement.

I fear that a kind of indifference has set into Americans' hearts about abortion. We hear from abortion activists on both sides. But what about the rest of America? Some polls suggest the majority favors restrictions.

We can do better than the current status quo. And somewhere in his heart, Joe Biden knows this, even as he trips over himself to utter every Planned Parenthood talking point there is.

One recent Biden campaign video talks about his love for

religious sisters. Here, too, he knows better than his actions. Catholic nuns have played a pivotal role in American history. And yet, these days, they are being persecuted. As you may have noticed, the Little Sisters of the Poor had to go to the U.S. Supreme Court not once, but twice because of the Obama-Biden administration. And back in the early days, behind the scenes, Biden was reportedly among those who advised against mandating that nuns cover contraception and abortion-inducing drugs in their employee insurance plans.

But he gave in, and became a disingenuous mouthpiece – pretending there was no conscience problem at all – for the policy.

When you talk about the battle for the soul of America, as Joe Biden does, we had

better start reflecting on what the conscience of America looks like. Could it be that surrender to the tyranny of the abortion industry has something to do with all the violence, death and misery that we sometimes seem to be drowning in? There is a poison in our body politic. We need leaders who know this and can lead us to something better. Biden somewhere in there knows the truth – but he has forgotten, or chosen to ignore it.

God help us all.

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